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CMSgt Anthony J. Celebreeze, U.S. Air Force (Retired)
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Dear Chief Celebreeze:

Our records show that earlier in your military career you received one of the following payments: Special Separation Benefit (SSB), Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI) or a "Separation Payment" (Readjustment, Severance or Separation Pay).

The Department of Defense is undertaking a formal review of the policy and legal considerations relative to the recoupment actions for SSB, VSI, and Separation Payments. This review will determine what options, if any, are available in addressing these recoupment actions and determine the most appropriate manner in which the Department of Defense can meet its statutory responsibilities. As a part of this formal review, DFAS is temporarily suspending SSB, VSI and Separation Payment recoupments for retirees in an active pay status, effective for May 2009 retired pay entitlements. Therefore, the payment of retired pay that is made on June 1, 2009, will not be reduced by the current recoupment amount.

When this review is completed, DFAS will notify you in writing as to when the recoupment action will resume. In addition, there is legislation being considered by the Congress that would give the Department of Defense some discretion in establishing or changing the monthly recoupment rate.

If you have any questions, please contact the Retired and Annuity Pay Contact Center at 1-800-321-1080, between 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., eastern time, Monday through Friday. To assist you with the navigation of the Interactive Voice Response System, please select options 5, 1, 5 then 0 to direct your call to a Customer Service Representative. You may write to Defense Finance and Accounting Service, U.S. Military Retirement Pay, P.O. Box 7130, London, KY 40742-7130.

Sincerely,

Martha J. Smith
Director, DFAS Cleveland